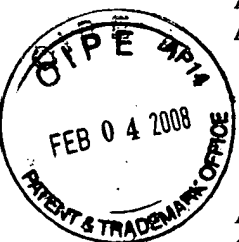


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Sir:

The following is an Amendment, Election and Response to the USPTO  
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application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.